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CMSP Letter 94-5

To: All County Medical Services Program (CMSP) County Welfare
Directors

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Small County Advisory Committee (SCAC) Eligibility Subcommittee at its July 1994 meeting decided to take two initiatives which will require assistance from participating CMSP counties. The Subcommittee created a workgroup to review all current CMSP forms in order to determine any changes which may be necessary. At a minimum, this workgroup will formalize the two page "short version" basic CMSP application form, consolidate the CMSP rights and responsibilities forms (CMSP 216, CMSP 217), update the basic screening form (CMSP 1153), and explore the feasibility of combining the CMSP 210 and the CMSP 13. The workgroup would meet approximately four times over the next two months. The location of the meetings will be determined by the composition of the workgroup.

The Subcommittee also created a workgroup to flesh out the details of a proposal from the CMSP Case Management Workgroup. As a part of the proposed case management system, a designated "clearinghouse" eligibility determination unit would expedite the eligibility process for persons identified by the case manager as being "high cost" users. This workgroup would meet in Sacramento approximately two times during the month of August. The workgroup seeks representation from a broad spectrum of counties in order to insure that the various computer systems in place as well as their differing interactions with the state MEDS system can be considered. Accordingly, "program" and "systems" volunteers are needed.

If your County can participate in this process, please direct your representative to contact Mr. Albert Cooper at (916) 322-1615 or fax (916) 323-3350 as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Martinez'.

Jim Martinez, Chief
County Medical Services Program